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ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM MANY STATES

Important News Gathered from Abroad for the Benefit of Our Readers.

Barkerville, Ky., Feb. 16.—State Revenue Agent J. F. Hawn, of this city, has received far-reaching orders in regard to selling land in the redemption period has come. The orders apply to all land held in the state and counties for 1880 to 1890, the amount involved reaching into the millions. Practically all Eastern Kentucky is included in the order, and among the tracts of land are a large number of timber and mineral interests.

Thomas Taylor killed a wolf near Sulphur, Fentress county, which weighed thirty-six pounds and was about the size of a sheepdog. It was two of two brought from the West some time ago, and subsequently escaped from their owner and had since killed many sheep in that section. The animal was shot by Taylor, and then showed fight, but Taylor fired three more shots into its body, killing it. The carcass was skinned and it is on exhibition at a store at Hillsboro. A search is being made for its mate.

The Senate Committee appointed to investigate charges of mismanagement against the Confederate Home at Power Valley made its report denouncing the charges as "irrational, malignant and unmerited." It holds that the home is excellently managed.

Mr. Sterling, Ky., Feb. 16.—John H. Fraley, W. M. Caudill, John R. Muller, of Morehead, and Bill Brooker, of Carter county, have incorporated a new lumber company with \$25,000 capital. They have purchased 100 acres of land in Pike and Floyd counties, and will erect a sawmill and timber mill.

Mr. Sterling, Ky., Feb. 16.—Jacob C. T. Wilson, through W. B. White, filed in the Circuit Court here against C. W. Harris, Mayor of Mt. Sterling, for \$10,000 damages for false arrest. The Mayor's aware sent a warrant for Wilson's arrest for firing a pistol in the city limits. Wilson was acquitted, claiming accident, and the suit is the result.

Dr. W. Leming, who is corresponding secretary of the Kentucky Medical Association, is arranging the programme of the annual convention, which will be held in Louisville on May 5, 6, and 7. He states that the attendance will be exceptionally good this year, and that according to his estimate he has received from members of the association, the attendance will be larger than ever before.

The General Convention of the Baptists of North America will be invited to meet in Louisville, May 15, a decision to that effect having been reached at a congregational meeting in the Broadway Baptist church.

Capt. James Peete, who received an insult offered by a negro to three white women on Seventh street, Louisville was assailed by the negro and narrowly escaped being killed. His threat was cut from ear to ear, the popular vein being missed by a half's breadth. The weapon used was a scimitar.

Joseph B. Thompson, a wealthy stockman of Montgomery county, was beaten with bean bushes at Mt. Sterling, and died while being removed to his home.

Mrs. Perry Williams, wife of a prominent farmer of Montgomery county, was attacked by a ram and severely injured.

The Old Masons' Home Committee, which will have charge of raising funds to build a home for some Masons in Lenoreville and equal land, will now begin work in earnest.

Representative Hannah introduced a measure in the House at Frankfort limiting the term of the General Assembly to one hundred days instead of sixty days, as at present.

Isaac Webborn, a farmer of the Round stone country in Hart county, discovered a nest of forty-two rattlesnakes under his hearth Sunday morning. For months the family had been annoyed by a peculiar sound, which came apparently from the fire-place, and especially disturbed Mrs. Webborn, who is of a nervous temperament and who had been told by her husband that she was the cause of the noise.

The snake for which Mueller was hanged was one of the worst ever committed in this city. It was six feet long and had a mouth wide enough to tear up the heart of a man. After this there was no more reason for delaying the sentence of the court, and Muller was executed.

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Wednesday night being very cold, Mr. Webborn built up a huge fire, and early day, his sounds became so shrill and hideous that Mrs. Webborn aroused her husband, who, as so few fires had been down sufficient to keep up the warmth of the room, he started a fire in the fireplace of the room above. On removing one of the larger stones he discovered a den of rattlesnakes, which were coiled in the crevices of the stones. When he went to the door he found the door was shut, and with a pair of tongs, he drove the snakes out from the crevices in safety as far as possible.

On Wednesday, Feb. 14—Deputy Sheriff, Marshal, Postmaster, and Clerk of Courts, and

Kentucky Forests.

The forest situation in the Western, Eastern and Northern States has become such a critical one that the Government has been forced to take active steps in order to protect the remaining timber lands from total destruction. Forest narratives have been issued, which supply the millions of trees that are annually used for reserves, planting on deforested areas.

In Kentucky, too, the forestry question is assuming a very serious one. Mills are being cut annually.

A half of a hundred years of reclusive White House history hang over the bridal couple. Miss Roosevelt was the twelfth bride, according to accepted authorities in pitchy truth within its classic walls and the identical spot where she then joined hands with the husband of her choice. "For better or for worse" is hollowed in the memory of another White House bride. "Nellie Grant, who thirty-two years ago on that same spot became the wife of an Englishman, Algernon C. F. Scott, for which he should have started young again.

Sold condition.—The will of new

country land is rich, deep and mellow. It has been made in a porous condition by the humus that enters by the composition of decaying roots, leaves, falling branches and grasses, that grow upon it for centuries. The rainfall is caught by the grasses, and shrubs, and seeps deeply through the porous humus into the soil. The remaining portion of water that is not retained by the vegetation filters away feeding the small springs we see scattered about in the forests. On deforesting arid the rain fall acts entirely different. During the constant sun and shade of the cleared land the surface soil is carried away by the hard rains, leaving only the hard surface for the water to absorb. As the soil is not porous enough to absorb the water if flows off as rapidly as it falls, cutting deep channels or gullies, leaving only the underlying clay surface. This is too poor for the cultivation. After a hard rainfall we may observe all streams dry, turned with yellow silt. This is only gas in as much deforested area as exposed fields.

If the forest plantations in Kentucky were more dense the destructive floods that occur so frequently during the summer months would not be quite as severe and destructive.

The tobacco plants in the valley of the tobacco growing district of Kentucky the finest and most valuable

are to have more value in the tobacco grower than a buckshot patch.

If thirty acres of tobacco could

be grown on this ground they would not pay for the removed forest. Not

the value of the timber would

also be paid for, but the effort of the

woodcutters on the economic condition

and water flow is worth equally as much to the entire farm.

Value to the National Government

—The preservation of forests and for

planting efforts not only the farmer

himself, but the entire community.

Forest protection and plant

ing efforts will help up the price

of land. If the National Government

is so thoughtful as to take active steps

in this matter, the farmer should

understand his responsibilities without the intervention of the Government, and

the amounts committed to Helpless

Lebanon campaign funds.

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